(b) It was proposed to construct a R. C. foot-bridge over the canal, but the work could not be taken up due to want of funds. It will be done as soon as funds permit; in the meanwhile a temporary bridge is proposed to be put up this year.

Karalam village—road connection.

28. **Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.**—Are the Government aware:—

(1) that Karalam village has no proper road connection with the Karupadana-Trichur road;

(2) that the village is completely isolated during monsoon times;

(3) whether any representation have come to the notice of the Government describing the hardships the villagers and especially the school-going children are put to on account of this;

(4) if the answer is in the affirmative, why the Government has not taken proper action in the matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) The Karalam-Kizhuttani road connects it with Irinjalakkuda.

(3) Yes.

(4) This proposal will be attended to when the South-Flood Bank of the Karalam is improved.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—May I know what is the delay in attending to this work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—This important work is one of the items of the proposal to diminish the effects of the floods on the Karuvannur river. We have just now completed the Inchamudi canal and the effects of this work should be watched for one or two years before any further work is taken up.

Line Boats.

29. **Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.**—Will the Government state:—

(1) when the Enamavu line was stopped by the order of the Government;

(2) the number of line boats which were running daily to and-fro in the Connoly canal before that date;

(3) the number of line boats which at present ply regularly through this canal?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) on 1st Thulam 1110.

(2) Four.

(3) Two.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—Do the Government propose to renew permission to ply the line boats through this canal?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question is under consideration.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—By what time do the Government hope to dispose of the matter in view of the great hardship caused?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—A definite assurance cannot be given. We can only say, as early as possible.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—Have you the power to grant licenses to these boats which ply to Enammavu?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Chalakkudi river diversion.

30. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) how far has the Chalakkudi river diversion scheme progressed;

(b) has the Government any idea of starting the work immediately;

(c) if so, what are the details of the programme?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The riparian questions involved in the Chalakkudi diversion scheme are being gone into with the Travancore Government. For the purpose of collecting data for discussion, arrangements have been made for the joint gauging of the river flow.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer to (b).

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Did the Hon'ble Member for Engineering consult the Travancore Government in this connection as he was pleased to promise in the Standing Finance Committee that was held before the budget session?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was not possible for me to consult the Travancore Government till now.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— Having given an assurance was nothing done in pursuance of it till now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Only three months have elapsed. It is my intention to meet the Chief Engineer of Travancore as early as possible.

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